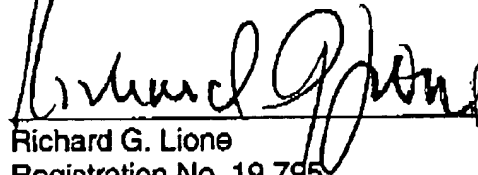


Each of Claims 1-5 and 8-17 should be allowable for the foregoing reasons.
Passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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